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FOLLOWING FYI AND IS QUOTED FROM MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, OSAKA,
SIXTH APRIL QUOTE: AN AMERICAN ROLL-ON ROLL-OFF FREIGHTER, DUE
TO ENTER KOBE IN MAY FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS SEEN BY
LONGSHOREMEN AS A THREAT TO THEIR JOBS. THE SHIP IS THE
16,000-TON S.S. MAINES OF THE STATES STEAMSHIP CO/ WHICH CARRIES
10 FORKLIFT TRUCKS TO HANDLE ITS CARGO. ONE PROBLEM THE
SHIP POSES IS THAT SUCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT MUST BE LICENSED
ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE ROAD TRAFFIC LAW. THE KOBE CUSTOM
HOUSE SAYS THAT FORKLIFTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED AS PART OF A
SHIP'S GEAR AND THAT AN IMPORT TAX MIGHT BE IMPOSED, EVEN
THOUGH THEY ARE NOT IMPORTED GOODS. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT
THE ALL JAPAN HARBOR WORKERS' UNION WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 80,000
IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF FREIGHTERS BECAUSE
THEY REQUIRE LESS MANPOWER TO WORK CARGO. THE UNION PLANS TO
STAGE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS SUCH AS GREETED THE FIRST LASH
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